

# Salton Sea

## Financial Assistance Program

# 2012 Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)

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# Overview

## 1. Background information

- ✓ Economical/Social/Environmental value of the Sea
- ✓ Relationship between Species Conservation Habitat Project and FAP
- ✓ Funding source and Program Parameters

## 2. Financial Assistance Program

- ✓ Type of Projects to be Funded
- ✓ Guidelines
- ✓ Proposal Solicitation Package

## 3. Important dates and links

## 4. Comments and Questions



# Background information

- ✓ Economical/Social/Environmental value of the Sea
  - Decline in fish and wildlife habitat condition
  - Decline in public health condition - 400,000 residents
  - Need to fill data gaps in ecological understanding
  
- ✓ Salton Sea Restoration Program and FAP
  - FAP administered under the Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Program (DFG Code 2930-2932.3)
  - FAP is not an implementation step of the 2007 PEIR
  - FAP will respond to the immediate ecological needs

# Background information

## ✓ Funding Sources and Program Parameters

- Authorized by Salton Sea Restoration Act
- Proposition 84 / \$3 million dollars per year
- Salton Sea and its tributaries
- Grant program according to Financial Assistance Internal Review (FAIR) Committee rules



# Financial Assistance Program

## ✓ Types of projects to be funded

- Habitat Creation and Enhancement
- Water Quality
- Research activities
- Adaptive management experiments

## ✓ Guidelines

- Eligibility Requirements
- General Applications Requirements
- Application Process
- Grant Administration

# Financial Assistance Program

## ✓ PSP – Proposal Solicitation Package

- BMS – Bond Management System
- Submitting Grant Application
- Application Form
- Application Checklist
- Application Evaluation Criteria



# Financial Assistance Program

Guidelines



What

PSP



How



# Financial Assistance Program

## ✓ Type of projects to be funded

- Habitat Creation and Enhancement  
that provides sustainable and functional habitat for the protection of fish and wildlife at the Salton Sea
- Water Quality  
that would directly contribute to the conservation of fish and wildlife resources at the Salton Sea



# Financial Assistance Program

## ✓ Type of projects to be funded

- Research Activities

that directly resolve data gaps currently acting as impediments to creation and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat at the Salton Sea

- Adaptive management experiments

that would improve the effectiveness of habitat management and habitat quality for fish and wildlife at existing managed habitats at the Salton Sea.

# Financial Assistance Program

## ✓ Guidelines

- Eligibility Requirements

Any public agency or nonprofit organization as defined in Public Resources Code Section 75005(k) may apply.

- General Applications Requirements

conservation objectives, habitats at the Sea, follow General Requirements, Bond Management System (BMS)

# Financial Assistance Program

## ✓ Guidelines

- Application Process

Release final PSP, Applicants' tutorial, Reviews (various levels to TBD), Funding recommendations (Draft, public comment period, and Final).

- Grant Administration

Agreement execution, environmental docs, eligible reimbursement, retention, quarterly invoices, progress report, Post completion report, audits and loss of funding

# Financial Assistance Program

## ✓ PSP – Proposal Solicitation Package

- BMS – Bond Management System

Online application system

- Submitting Grant Application

CDs, hard copies

- Application Form

Enter your information and complete one of the 4 project categories

- Application Checklist
- Application Evaluation Criteria

4 main criteria: Readiness, Qualification of applicant, Project objectives /Program objectives, and project feasibility

# Important dates and links

## ✓ Dates

- Final Guidelines and PSP : Feb/Mar 2012
- Proposal submission deadline: May 2012
- Draft award: Sept 2012
- Final Award: Nov 2012

## ✓ Links

- BMS <http://www.water.ca.gov/bms>
- Salton Sea Program <http://www.water.ca.gov/saltonsea/>
- Financial Assistance Internal Review (FAIR) Committee  
<https://psowater.ca.gov/web/guest/fair>
- Existing restoration efforts from the Salton Sea SCHP  
<http://www.water.ca.gov/saltonsea/habitat/habitat.cfm>

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